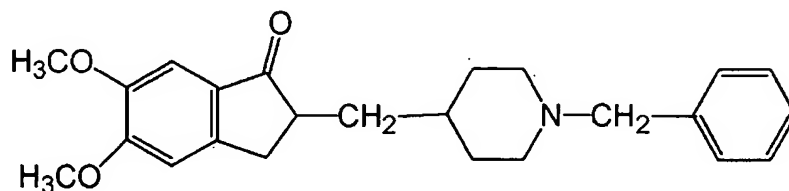


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

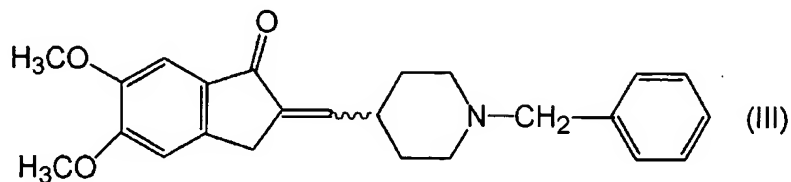
1. (Original) A process of preparing a compound [1-benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1-indanon)-2-yl]methylpiperidine] of the structural formula (II):

[Formula 2]



characterized by comprising catalytically hydrogenating a compound [1-benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1-indanon)-2-ylidene]methylpiperidine] of the structural formula (III):

[Formula 1]



in the presence of a Raney nickel catalyst.

2. (Original) The process according to claim 1, wherein a reaction solvent for the catalytic hydrogenation is water, an alcohol, acetic acid, an acetic acid ester, an ether, benzene, hexane, toluene, tetrahydrofuran, dioxane, or a mixed solvent thereof.

3. (Original) The process according to claim 1 or 2, wherein a reaction solvent for

the catalytic hydrogenation is water, an alcohol, an acetic acid ester, toluene, tetrahydrofuran, or a mixed solvent thereof.

4. (Currently Amended) The process according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein a reaction solvent for the catalytic hydrogenation is water, an alcohol, tetrahydrofuran, or a mixed solvent thereof.
5. (Currently Amended) The process according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein a reaction solvent for the catalytic hydrogenation is tetrahydrofuran or hydrated tetrahydrofuran.
6. (Currently Amended) The process according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein a reaction solvent for the catalytic hydrogenation is toluene, an alcohol, or a mixed solvent thereof.
7. (Currently Amended) The process according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a hydrogen pressure of 0.05 to 7.0 MPa.
8. (Currently Amended) The process according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a hydrogen pressure of 0.1 to 1.5 MPa.
9. (Currently Amended) The process according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, wherein the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a hydrogen pressure of 0.5 to 1.5 MPa.
10. (Currently Amended) The process according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, wherein a weight ratio of the Raney nickel catalyst to the compound of the structural formula (III) is 3 to 30%.
11. (Currently Amended) The process according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~ claim 1, wherein a weight ratio of the Raney nickel catalyst to the compound of the structural formula

(III) is 5 to 15%.

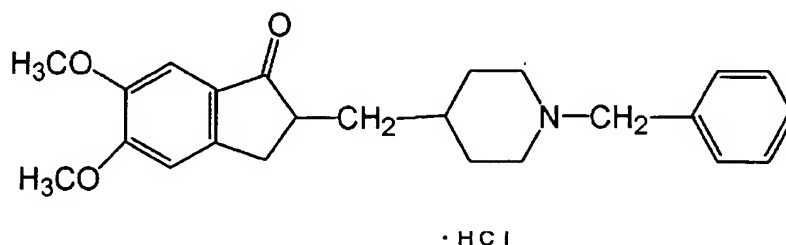
12. (Currently Amended) The process according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 11~~ claim 1, characterized in that the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a reaction temperature of 4 to 60°C.

13. (Currently Amended) The process according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 12~~ claim 1, characterized in that the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a reaction temperature of about 4 to 40°C.

14. (Currently Amended) The process according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 13~~ claim 1, characterized in that the catalytic hydrogenation is carried out at a reaction temperature of 10 to 25°C.

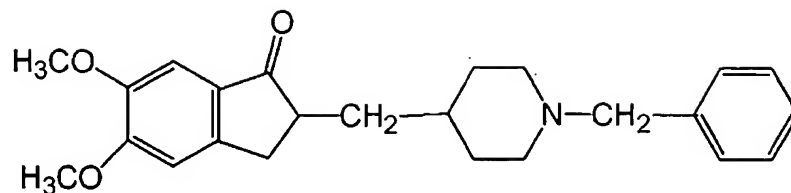
15. (Original) A process for preparing a compound [1-benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1-indanon)-2-yl]methylpiperidine hydrochloride] of the structural formula (I):

[Formula 5]



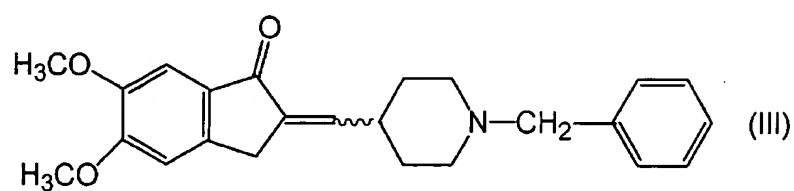
characterized by comprising catalytically hydrogenating a compound [1-benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1-indanon)-2-ylidene]methylpiperidine] of the structural formula (III):

[Formula 4]



in the presence of a Raney nickel catalyst to obtain a compound [1-benzyl-4-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1-indanon)-2-yl]methylpiperidine] of the structural formula (II):

[Formula 3]



and then treating the compound of the structural formula (II) with hydrogen chloride or hydrochloric acid.